

**NPM #4: The percent of children with special health care needs age 0 to 18 whose families have adequate private and/or public insurance to pay for the services they need. (CSHCN Survey)**

**Impact on National Outcome Measures:** From the SLAITS survey data, (weighted results), 66.61% Wisconsin families of CSHCN reported adequate insurance to pay for necessary services as compared to 59.6% nationally. Only 4% of CSHCN served by the Regional CSHCN Centers and its contracted local health departments or other agencies reported having no insurance coverage.

a) Report of 2002 Major Activities

**1. Health Benefits Services—Enabling Services—CSHCN**

The provision of health benefits services is a required component of the Regional CSHCN Centers activities. During 2002, each Regional CSHCN Center continued to provide health benefits services to families in collaboration with ABC for Health, Inc. a public interest non profit law firm working for health care access for children and families.

**2. Access to health insurance—Infrastructure Building Services—CSHCN**

ABC for Health continues to build public and private partnerships across Wisconsin to address access to health insurance. They have created local “Health Watch” committees with professional and parent representation to address access issues.

b) Current 2003 Activities

**1. Health Benefits Services—Enabling Services—CSHCN**

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**2. Access to health insurance—Infrastructure Building Services—CSHCN**

ABC for Health continues to build public and private partnerships across Wisconsin at the local level to address access to health insurance. Local Health Watch committees with professional (including representation from the CSHCN Program and the five Regional CSHCN Centers) and parent representation continue to meet to address access issues that pertain particularly to that part of the state.

The Regional CSHCN Centers are partners in the implementation of the regional "Health Watch" committees. In addition, ABC for Health is creating a statewide advisory body of “Health Watch” to include representation from core state level partners as many insurance access decisions are made at the state level.

c) 2004 Plan/Application

**1. Health Benefits Services—Enabling Services—CSHCN**

The provision of health benefits services is a required component of the Regional CSHCN Centers. In 2004, each Regional CSHCN Center will continue to provide health benefits services to families in collaboration with ABC for Health, Inc. a public interest non profit law firm working for health care access for children and families, particularly families of children with special health care needs.

**2. Access to Health Insurance—Infrastructure Building Services—CSHCN**

ABC for Health will continue to build public and private partnerships across Wisconsin at the local level to address access to health insurance. Local “Health Watch” committees with professional and parent representation will continue to address access issues that pertain particularly to that part of the state. The statewide advisory body of “Health Watch” will be meeting regularly.